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METHOD FOR EVALUATING THE FUNCTION OF A  
LIQUID BY THE USE THEREOF  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Prior to Examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following  
Amendment and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.